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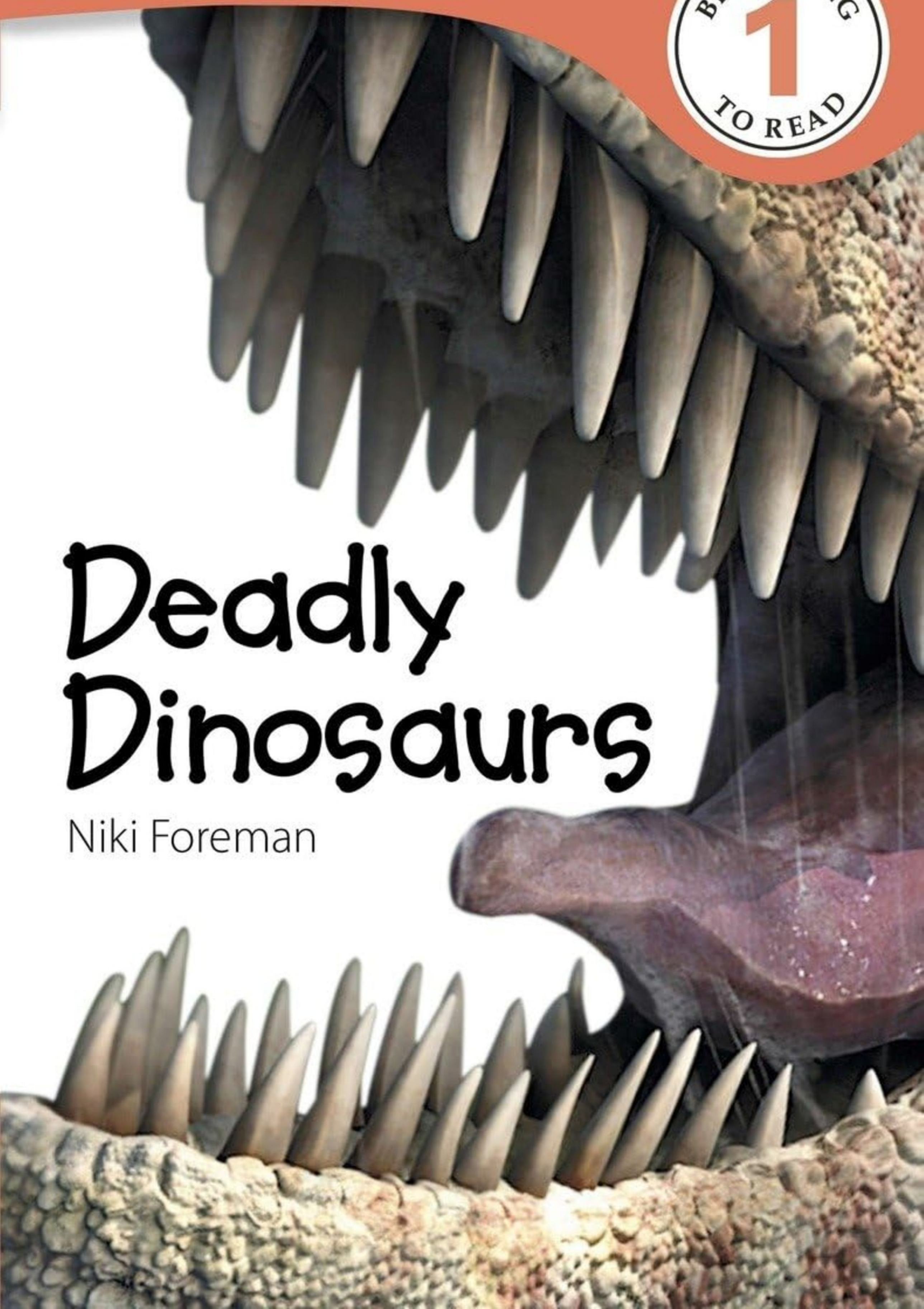

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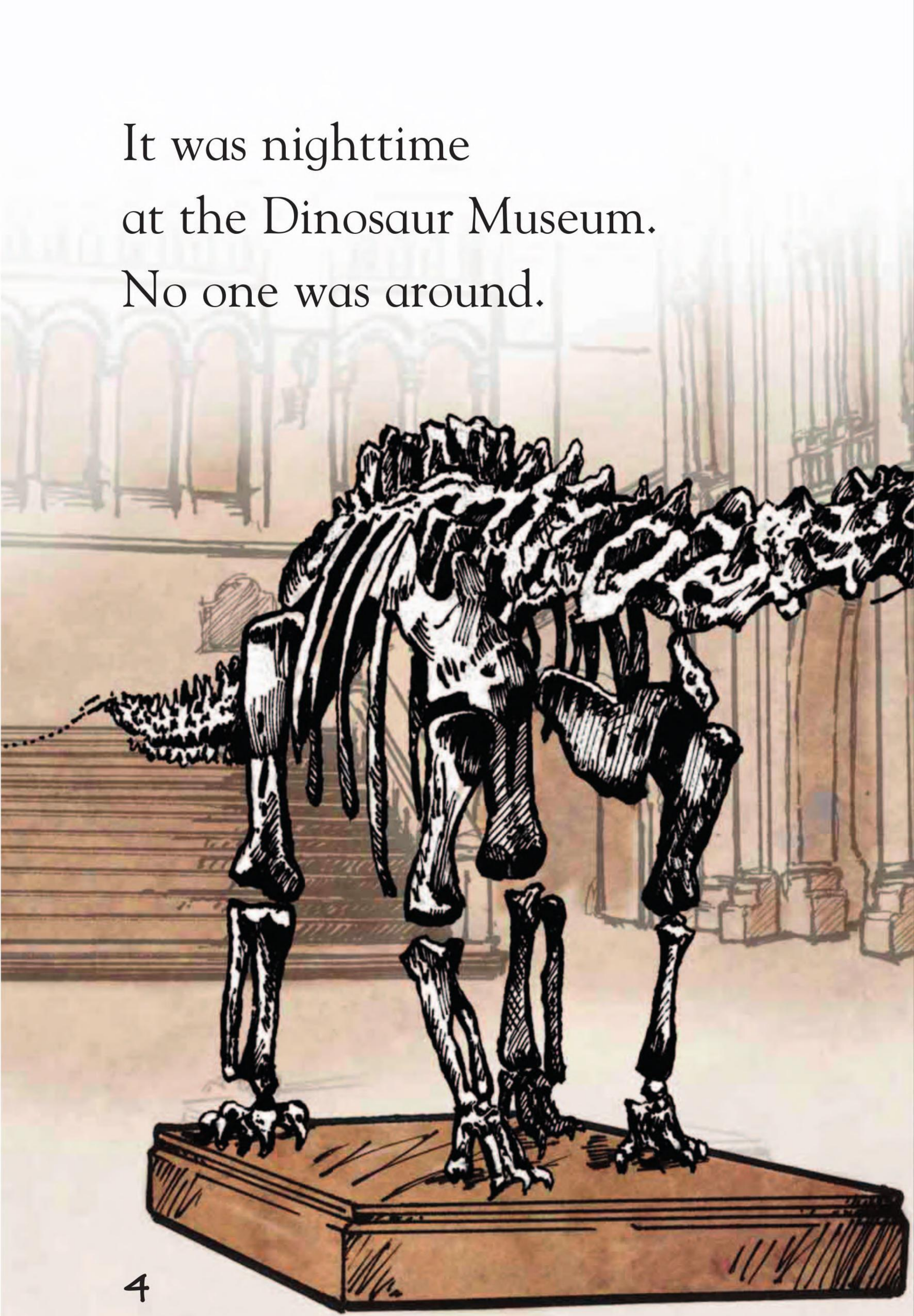
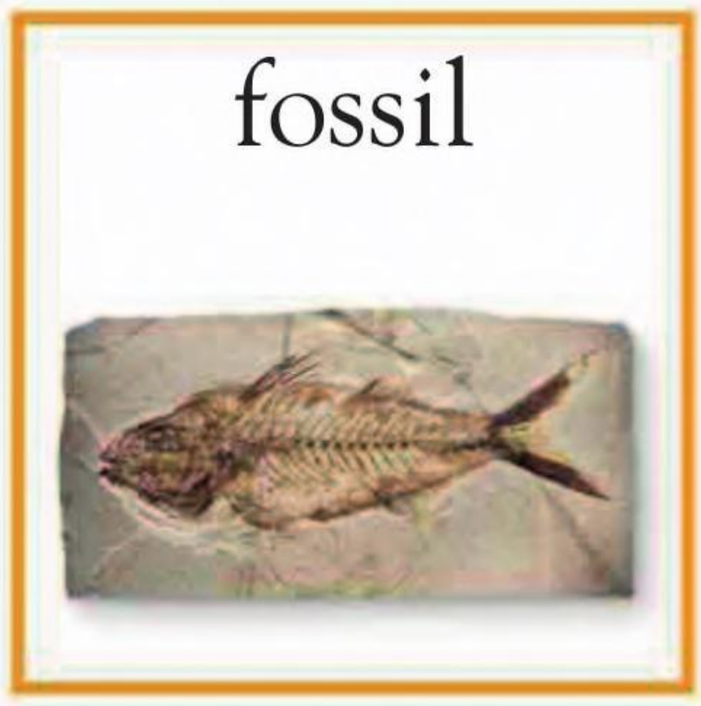
It was nighttime
at the Dinosaur Museum.
No one was around.



All was still and quiet,
but wait...
Roar!
What was that noise?
Thud!
The museum shook.
There was something
alive in the North Hall.



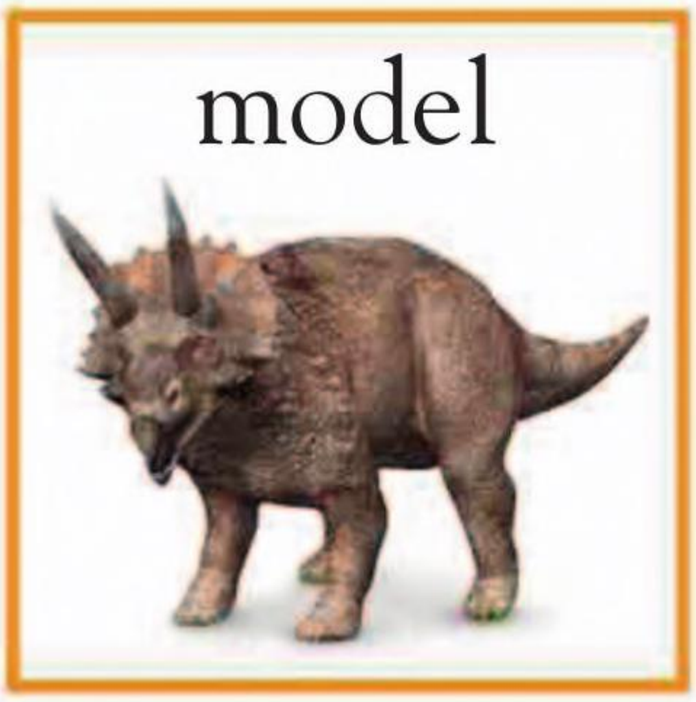
The North Hall was
full of fossils.
The fossils were the bones of
dead dinosaurs.
But there was something else
there, too—
something alive
and hungry!

It stood up tall on two legs.
It had a long, stiff tail.
Swish!
Its teeth were sharp
like spikes.
It looked big and scary.
It was Rexy,
the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*.

Here is how to say
Tyrannosaurus Rex:
tie-RAN-oh-SOR-us-recks

ROAR!

The dinosaur models were alive!



Rexy was the best hunter
around.
His sight was sharp.
He was fast and strong.
His huge jaws could
bite into animals.
Crunch!
He could eat
an *Edmontosaurus* alive,
bones and all!

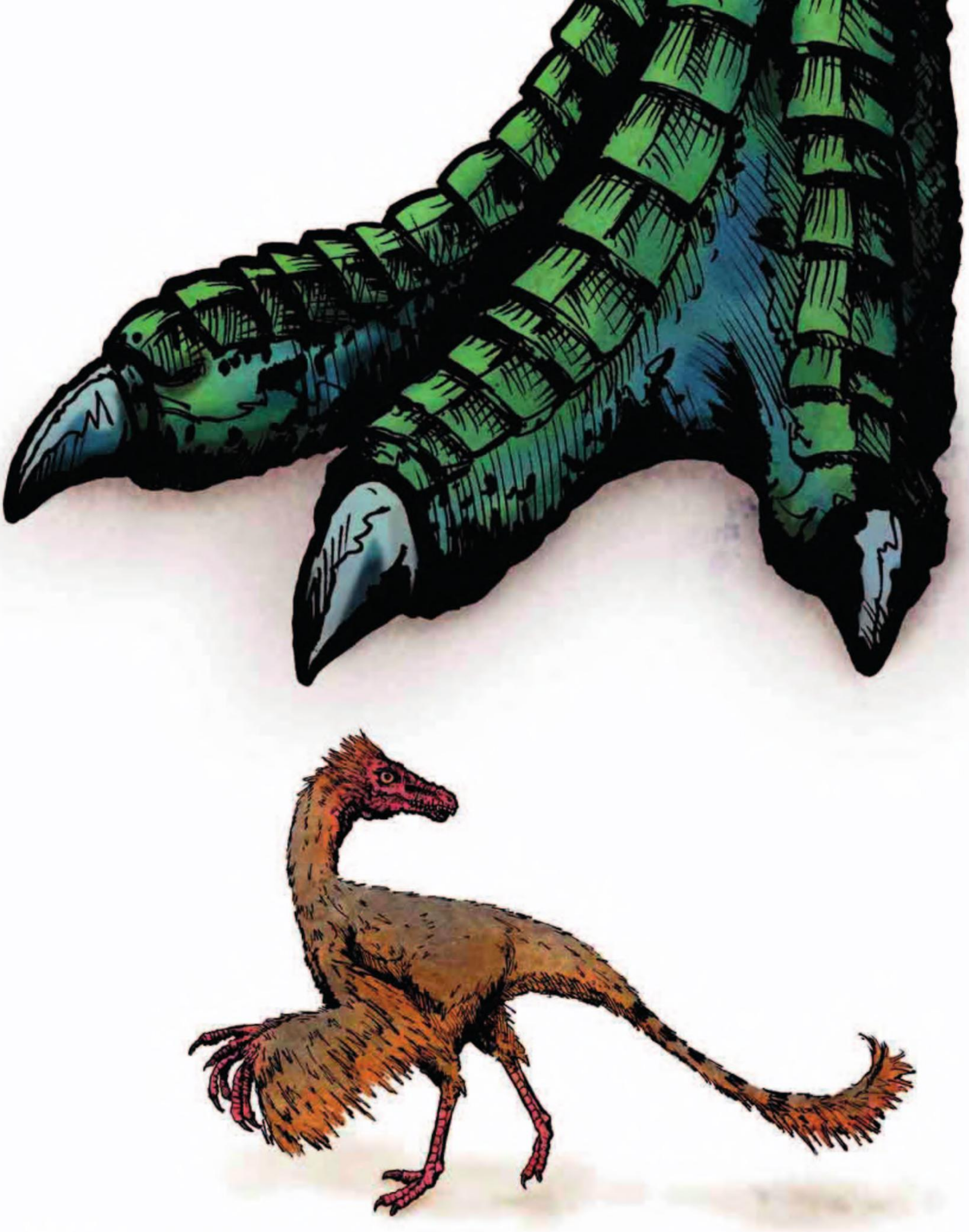
Here is how to say
Edmontosaurus:
ed-MON-toh-SOR-us

Rexy was hungry.
He was drooling.

Slop!

His drool dripped on
something small at his feet.
It was Sid, the *Sinornithosaurus*.

Here is how to say
Sinornithosaurus:
SIE-nor-ni-thoh-SOR-us



Sid was hungry, too.

tooth

Sid shook the drool off
his feathers.
His long, sharp teeth gleamed
in his beak.
Something moved.
Sid pounced.
He sunk his teeth into its flesh.

ROAR!

It was Rexy's foot!

Sid had a killer bite.
His teeth were loaded
with poison, but
they were too small
to harm Rexy.
Sid gulped.
"Sorry, Rexy!"
Slop!
Another drip of drool
landed on him.

Deano, the *Deinonychus*,
pranced across the hall.

Thump!
Thump!

His long tail swept
from side to side.
Swish!
His two hooked claws tapped
on the floor.
Tap! Tap!

Here is how to say
Deinonychus:
die-NON-ee-kus

"You are such a featherbrain, Sid!" drawled Deano. "Biting old Rexy like that. Tut tut.

Stick to your diet
of little dinosaurs.
Leave the big dinosaurs
to me!"

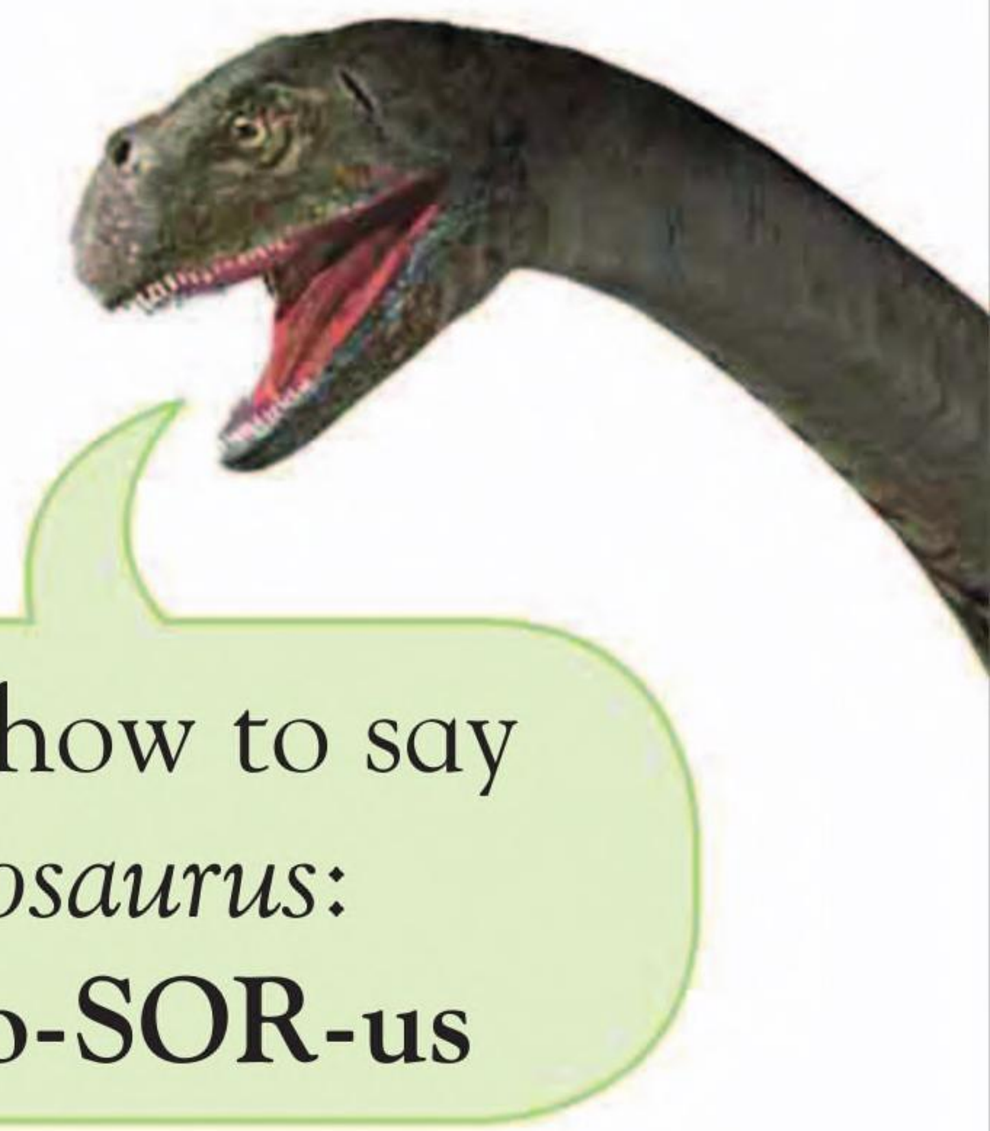
"You should see me hunt
with my friends.
We can kill a dinosaur
three times our size!
They call us the 'terrible claws'.
One slash from
these sharp claws
and dinner is ready."

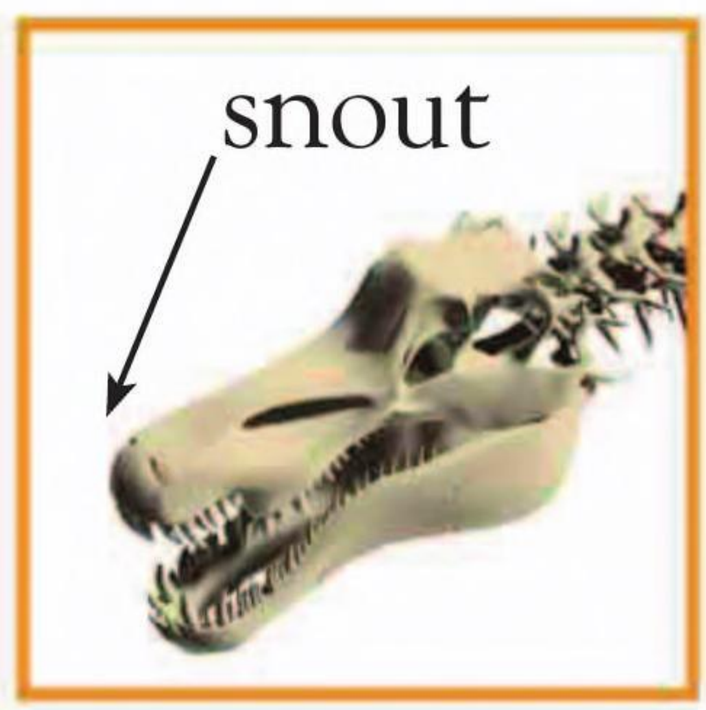
Slash!

claw

"Did someone say 'dinner'?"
hissed Sonia, the *Spinosaurus*.

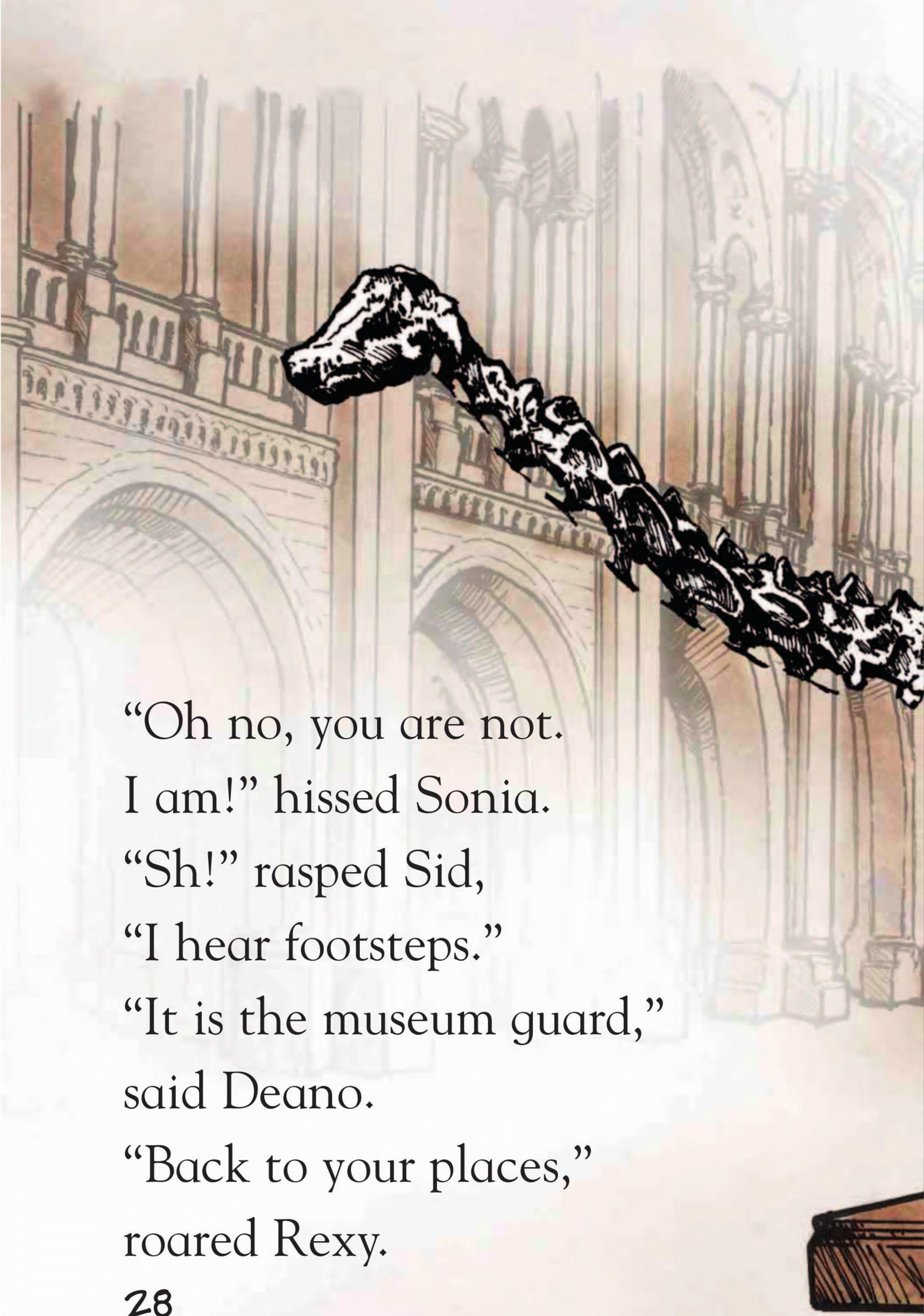
Her toothy snout sniffed for fish.
The sail on her back stood
tall and grand.
She was the biggest dinosaur.



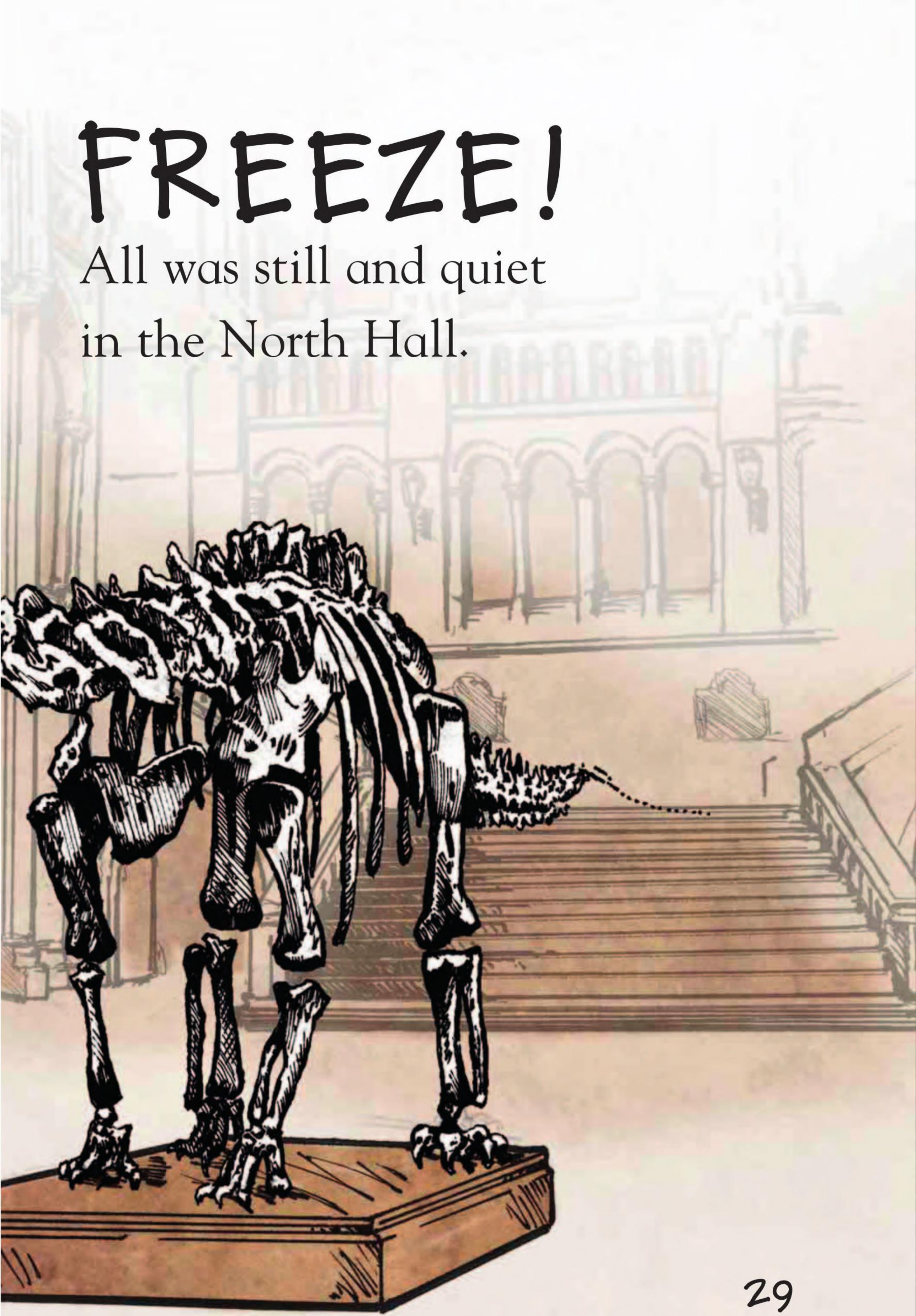


"I am the most deadly dinosaur," hissed Sonia. "Oh no, you are not!" roared Rexy, Sid, and Deano.

"I am faster than Rexy,"
hissed Sonia.
"I have a more powerful bite
than Sid.
I do not need help to kill
like Deano.
I am the most deadly."



"Oh no, you are not.
I am!" hissed Sonia.
"Sh!" rasped Sid,
"I hear footsteps."
"It is the museum guard,"
said Deano.
"Back to your places,"
roared Rexy.


FREEZE!
All was still and quiet
in the North Hall.

Glossary

Claw
sharp curved nail on a hand or foot

Fossil
remains of animals and plants that lived a long time ago

Model
copy of an object or an animal

Snout
nose and mouth of an animal that sticks out

Tooth
mouth part used for chewing, cutting, or tearing food

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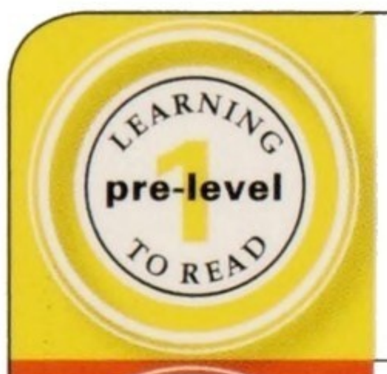

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